

EVENTS OF THE CENTURY



*An eager century beckons
To the new land of the West,
And sturdy, soldier-souls of Christ
Stand ready for the Quest.*

*In the front ranks of the vanguard,
With zeal and courage shod,
Comes gallant Mother Theodore
—Pioneer of God!*

1840-1940

- 1840—Oct. 22. The arrival of Mother Theodore and five companions. (Martin Van Buren, President of the United States.)
Oct. 23. First Mass.
- 1841—July 4. Mary le Noble, first pupil, arrived.
Nov. 15. Sister St. Francis Xavier arrived.
- 1842—Dec. 25. First High Mass sung in the convent.
- 1843—Dec. 25. New Church for Village and Community. (Sunday services formerly held in Father Corbe's parlor.)
- 1847—Jan. 28. Death of Sister Mary Liguori.
- 1848—Aug. 26. First elections held. Mother Theodore's appointment as Superior General confirmed.
- 1849—Sisters engaged in caring for cholera victims in Madison and Ft. Wayne.
Aug. 6. Father di Maria, first Jesuit to give retreat.
- 1850—Sisters volunteer to care for cholera victims at Vincennes.
- 1852—June 13. Feast of Corpus Christi. Cornerstone of new Convent laid.
- 1854—Oct. 8. Railroad cars pass through St. Mary's for the first time.
- 1855—Nov. 10. First daily mail.
- 1856—May 14. Death of Mother Theodore.
- 1858—Feb. 22. Little Providence, nursery of community, burned to ground.
- 1860—Aug. 15. Cornerstone of new Academy laid.
Address by Rev. Bede O'Connor, O.S.B.
- 1861—Mar. 31. Convent cemetery is staked off. First sewing machine acquired.
- 1863—Aug. 15. The Professed Sisters number one hundred.
- 1868—July 2. Statues of the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph installed in Providence front grounds.
- 1874—Apr. 10. Privilege of First Friday Communion enjoyed for first time.
- 1876—June 21. St. Ann's Chapel, rebuilt in stone, is finished.
July 25. First annual St. Ann's Procession.

- 1880—Mar. 4. Permission for Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve received from Holy Father.
- 1881—Jan. 16. First ceremony of devotion to Holy Face established. Procession.
- 1881—Sept. 20. Providence Convent bell the first bell in Vigo county to toll for President Garfield.
- Dec. 12. Death of Sister Mary Joseph le Fer de la Motte.
- 1883—Nov. . Privilege of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on First Friday received.
- 1886—Sept. 14. Cornerstone of new church was laid.
- 1887—June 27. Word received that Holy Rules were approved May 26th.
- 1888—Sept. 1. Second Novitiate first opened.
- 1889—Feb. 7. Providence Convent, planned by Mother Theodore, burnt to the ground.
- 1890—Oct. 22. Golden Jubilee of our community in America.
- 1891—June 24. Alumnae Association formed.
- Dec. 8. Dedication of new chapel.
- 1892—Mar. 22. Coal discovered on grounds while boring for oil or gas.
- 1894—Apr. 9. Final approbation of Holy Rules.
- 1897—Aug. 15. Veil becomes permanent part of our costume.
- 1898—Jan. 19. Statue of St. Michael placed in ravine.
- 1898—Oct. 21. Opening of new academy.
- 1901—Dec. 1. Continuous recital of the Rosary on Retreat Sunday inaugurated.
- 1902—Oct. 5. Monthly Rosary Procession introduced.
- 1904—Jan. 1. New novitiate building blessed.
- 1906—Apr. 26. Permission for Exposition on First Sunday granted.
- 1907—Apr. 4. Seven Dolor Stations erected in Crypt.
- Oct. 23. Consecration of church by Msgr. Falconio, Apostolic Delegate.
- Dec. 3. Translation of Mother Theodore's, Sister St. Francis Xavier's and Sister Mary Joseph's remains to Crypt.
- 1908—Jan. 9. Holy Hour introduced.

- 1908—Dec. 5. Preliminary meeting for introduction of Mother Theodore's cause.
- 1910—Dec. 2. Consecration of chimes (eleven bells).
- 1912—Apr. 1. Post office name changed from St. Mary's to St. Mary-of-the-Woods.
Nov. Our first auto replaces the carriage.
- 1913—Oct. 11. Apostolic Delegate, Msgr. Benzano and Msgr. Cerretti, Sec., arrive for dedication of new College and Conservatory.
- 1918—Oct. 6. National Flag placed in sanctuary.
- 1920—Sept. 29. First six Sisters leave for China.
- 1924—May 19. Exposition Chapel consecrated by Bishop Chartrand.
Aug. 27. 640 Masses this week. Priests' first retreat here.
Sept. 10. Regional Convention of Priests' Eucharistic League held at St. Mary's.
Sept. Permission granted for daily Benediction.
- 1926—Mar. Purchase of Ladywood.
- 1928—Dec. 27. Death of Mother Mary Cleophas.
- 1931—June 9. Closing of Academy.
- 1932—Dec. 8. Only time profession of Perpetual Vows taken on this date.
- 1933—Dec. 8. Death of Bishop Chartrand.
Aug. 15. Provinces formed.
- 1934—July 2. Formal opening of Anaheim Convent.
Sept. 26. First vesture of habit in Maryhurst.
- 1935—Two missions in North Carolina.
- 1936—Oct. 2. Visit of Bishop Taconi from China.
- 1937—Jan. 27. Evansville and New Albany in flood area.
Feb. 12. First profession at Anaheim, Calif.
- 1937—June 26. Church renovated.
Aug. 19. St. Joseph High School closed.
- 1938—Nov. 2. Out-door Way of the Cross erected.
- 1939—St. Luke laboratory established.